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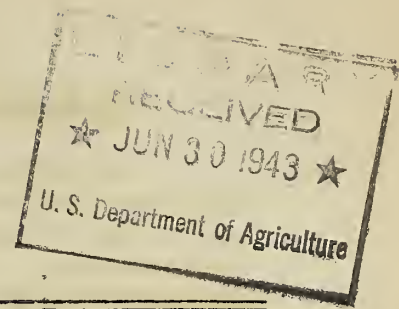
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DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ADMINISTRATION
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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF APRIL PARTICIPATION IN AMA DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distri-	School Lunch	Cotton Stamp Program	
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	bution Program	Program	Participation	Brown Stamp Issuance
West	422,995	\$1,228,948.00	71,724	642,149	99,162	\$111,286
Midwest	975,521	2,733,830.75	737,367	1,264,619	64,567	115,043
Northeast	803,455	2,672,128.25	628,754	1,047,240	22,902	38,450
South	1,122,462/1	2,610,156.00/1	1,645,532	2,600,959	84,551	68,615
Totals	3,324,433	\$9,245,063.00	3,838,217 /2	5,649,951 /3	271,182	\$333,394

- /1 Including the Virgin Islands.
- /2 Including 754,840 persons in Puerto Rico.
- /3 Including 74,984 children in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

SUMMARY

In April, 7.1 million persons in family groups including 762,850 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii participated in AMA food programs; 5.6 million children participated in the School Lunch Program. Food distributed: 274 million pounds valued at 19.8 million dollars.

- FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 3.3 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 16.9 million dollars; blue stamps, 9.2 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.78. Food purchased with blue stamps, 148 million pounds.
- DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 3.8 million persons in family groups; .8 million persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 68 million pounds valued at 4.9 million dollars.
- SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 5.6 million children in 83,000 schools. Foods distributed: 58 million pounds valued at 5.7 million dollars.
- MILK PROGRAMS. Participation: 690,000 children in School Milk Program; 138,000 families in Relief Milk Program.
- COTTON PROGRAMS. Cotton Stamp Program: 271,000 participants; \$333,000 issuance of brown stamps, \$1.23 per person. Cotton Mattress Program: 60,000 mattresses, 80,000 comforters distributed.

Foods Distributed in April and During the Current Fiscal Year

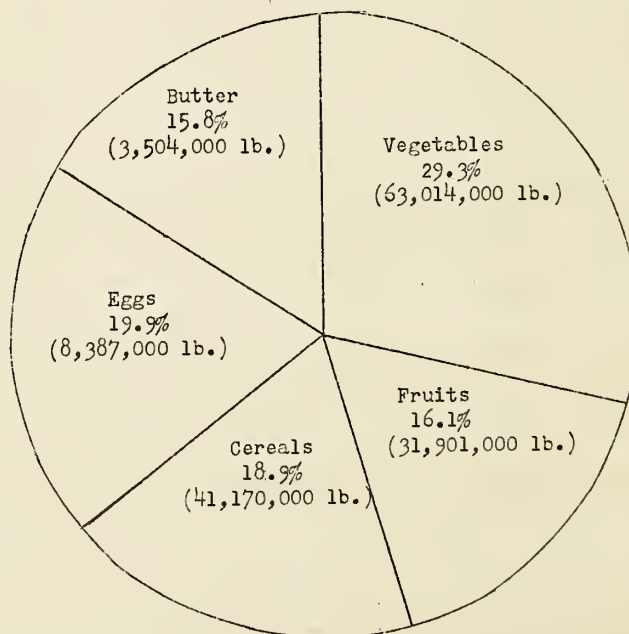
In April, it is estimated that a total of 274 million pounds of food was distributed through AMA food programs to 7.1 million persons in family groups and to 5.6 million children participating in the School Lunch Program. Of this total, 148 million pounds were purchased with blue stamps, 68 million pounds were distributed directly to families and to special groups, and 58 million pounds were distributed through the School Lunch Program. From July 1, 1941 to April 30, 1942, about 2,861 million pounds of foodstuffs have been distributed under these programs.

The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1,372 counties and 86 city areas in April, including 37 counties opened during the month. 77 million persons, 57 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 5,168,000 eligible persons, 3,324,000 or 64 per cent participated. This was a decline of 260,000 persons from the March total.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$9,245,000 in blue stamp issuance, \$537,000 less than in March, the West received 13 per cent; the Midwest received 30 per cent; the Northeast received 29 per cent; and the South, 28 per cent.

CHART 1. HOW THE BLUE STAMP DOLLAR WAS SPENT,
AND QUANTITIES PURCHASED, APRIL 1942



Oklahoma accounted for \$200,000 of the decline from March to April; the South as a whole showed a decline of \$281,000, the West \$94,000, the Midwest \$74,000, the Northeast \$88,000. The decline in blue stamp issuance is due to seasonal factors, and to the fact that welfare departments throughout the country are reviewing caseloads.

TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, APRIL 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent of Participating	This Month	Cumulative This Fiscal Year	Average Per Person
	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL	5,168,113	3,324,433	64	\$9,245,063.00	\$94,769,171.25	\$2.78
WESTERN REGION	739,286	422,995	57	1,228,948.00	13,240,148.50	2.91
Arizona	46,997	30,720	65	81,405.00	846,441.00	2.65
California	185,900	123,526	66	383,123.00	4,721,048.00	3.10
Colorado	77,717	42,580	55	119,678.00	1,086,843.00	2.81
Idaho	54,248	22,287	41	54,503.00	489,293.50	2.45
Montana	47,830	26,935	57	70,757.50	624,627.00	2.63
Nevada	4,019	1,702	42	5,140.00	56,011.00	3.02
New Mexico	82,341	32,306	39	64,977.50	631,977.50	2.01
Oregon	53,129	30,092	57	90,568.50	1,001,341.00	3.01
Utah	51,721	28,987	56	78,269.50	903,416.00	2.70
Washington	122,806	76,988	63	262,927.50	2,726,224.00	3.42
Wyoming	13,378	6,872	51	17,598.50	152,926.50	2.56
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,421,747	975,521	69	2,733,830.75	26,207,868.25	2.80
Illinois	161,713	134,713	83	446,167.25	4,536,009.25	3.31
Indiana	50,553	25,479	50	58,626.00	600,713.00	2.30
Iowa	110,792	83,073	75	210,818.00	2,009,484.00	2.54
Kansas	87,516	60,587	69	159,040.50	1,341,274.50	2.62
Michigan	206,922	127,082	61	375,751.00	3,134,003.00	2.96
Minnesota	227,380	154,997	68	445,354.50	4,397,094.50	2.87
Missouri	113,903	67,655	59	173,294.50	1,820,809.50	2.56
Nebraska	83,018	63,642	77	161,058.00	1,740,003.50	2.53
North Dakota	51,304	40,530	79	94,852.00	881,304.50	2.34
Ohio	179,614	125,374	70	363,283.50	3,584,123.00	2.90
South Dakota	56,212	37,294	66	88,857.50	890,813.00	2.38
Wisconsin	85,062	48,903	57	140,617.50	1,128,692.00	2.87
Kentucky (2 counties)	7,558	6,192	82	16,110.50	143,544.50	2.60
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,309,066	803,455	61	2,672,128.25	27,535,922.00	3.33
Connecticut	9,845	7,484	76	25,405.50	295,578.00	3.39
Delaware	4,615	2,433	53	6,976.50	86,915.00	2.87
Maine	57,848	38,003	66	86,711.00	653,945.50	2.28
Maryland	28,925	10,309	36	25,078.00	338,774.50	2.43
Massachusetts	158,500	95,146	60	308,995.50	3,204,957.50	3.25
New Hampshire	20,377	11,506	56	38,531.00	363,179.00	3.35
New Jersey	69,725	38,226	55	129,369.00	1,385,999.00	3.38
New York	618,116	461,385	75	1,662,364.75	17,182,047.50	3.60
Pennsylvania	308,618	119,202	39	328,820.00	3,425,760.50	2.76
Rhode Island	27,992	15,986	57	50,952.50	506,510.00	3.19
Vermont	4,505	3,775	84	8,924.50	92,255.50	2.36
SOUTHERN REGION	1,690,862	1,118,252	66	2,602,755.50	27,733,563.00	2.33
Alabama	47,416	33,930	72	70,100.00	931,873.50	2.07
Arkansas	204,650	130,899	64	342,362.50	3,231,972.50	2.62
Florida	96,667	67,510	70	184,090.50	1,602,551.00	2.73
Georgia	71,232	41,898	59	98,941.50	949,552.50	2.36
Kentucky	47,945	30,567	64	74,233.50	639,847.00	2.43
Louisiana	163,949	124,262	76	251,985.50	2,201,650.50	2.03
Mississippi	153,764	129,443	84	238,607.00	4,001,529.50	1.84
North Carolina	70,443	54,842	78	119,087.50	1,071,446.00	2.17
Oklahoma	293,152	124,584	42	295,766.50	5,251,827.50	2.37
South Carolina	31,402	18,677	60	39,390.50	429,798.50	2.11
Tennessee	82,016	54,922	67	134,543.00	1,208,592.00	2.45
Texas	412,912	295,665	72	726,530.00	5,966,593.50	2.46
Virginia	15,314	11,053	72	27,117.50	246,329.00	2.45
VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,152	4,210	59	7,400.50	51,669.50	1.76

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE, AND QUANTITY OF EACH
COMMODITY PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS - CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
AND EACH REGION /1, APRIL 1942

(Value and Quantity in Thousands)

Commodity	Unit	V A L U E						Q U A N T I T Y					
		: Percent of :						: Total Value :					
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		U. S.	West	Midwest	Northeast	South	U. S.	U. S.	West	Midwest	Northeast	South	
Butter	Lb.	1,459	193	445	538	283	15.8	3,504	450	1,121	1,242	691	
Eggs /2	Doz.	1,843	227	471	756	389	19.9	5,591	686	1,566	2,018	1,321	
White Flour	Lb.	1,365	194	331	203	637	14.8	31,503	5,543	7,713	3,848	14,399	
Graham Flour	Lb.	27	6	7	10	4	.3	559	118	133	225	83	
Corn Meal	Lb.	268	26	62	52	128	2.9	7,291	591	1,600	1,033	4,067	
Hominy Grits	Lb.	85	4	24	24	33	.9	1,817	56	512	516	733	
Total Cereals	Lb.	1,745	230	424	289	802	18.9	41,170	6,308	9,950	5,622	19,282	
Dried Beans	Lb.	531	69	112	138	212	5.8	5,928	896	1,206	1,267	2,629	
Irish Potatoes	Lb.	870	116	304	198	252	9.4	28,451	3,592	10,532	6,892	7,495	
Fresh Potatoes	Lb.	57/2	26	-	31	-	.6	555/2	286	-	269	-	
Carrots	Lb.	125	20	48	30	27	1.4	2,789	547	1,002	629	591	
Lettuce	Lb.	23/2	23	-	-	-	.3	530/2	530	-	-	-	
Cabbage	Lb.	198	11	71	53	63	2.1	7,183	432	2,200	1,531	3,020	
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	216/2	-	74	41	101	2.3	6,060/2	-	1,668	901	3,311	
Other Fr. Vegetables	Lb.	684	113	210	190	171	7.4	11,448	2,226	3,882	3,254	2,884	
Total Vegetables	Lb.	2,704	378	819	681	826	29.3	63,014	8,511	19,890	14,663	19,930	
Dried Prunes	Lb.	239	31	66	98	44	2.6	2,090	330	562	786	412	
Fresh Oranges /2	Doz.	583	69	245	154	115	6.3	2,883	539	1,071	690	583	
Apples	Lb.	402	65	156	73	108	4.4	8,514	1,290	3,186	1,460	2,558	
Grapefruit /2	Each	253	34	101	52	36	2.5	6,436	1,447	2,630	1,345	1,014	
Pears	Lb.	32	2	7	21	2	.3	474	34	110	284	46	
Total Fruits	Lb.	1,489	201	575	408	305	16.1	31,901	5,822	11,864	7,313	6,902	
Total	Lb.	9,240	1,229	2,734	2,672	2,605	100.0	147,976	22,120	45,182	31,887	48,787	

/1 Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution. /2 Converted to pounds in totals.
/3 Data not available from all Regions.
Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. Blue Stamp purchase data for the Virgin Islands are not included in this table.

The average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$2.78, 5 cents more than in March. Cumulative issuance July 1, 1941 through April 1942 reached 94.8 million dollars. Orange stamp issuance: 16.9 million dollars, \$5.15 per capita, a million dollar decline from March. "Free blue" issuance: \$42,000 to 39,000 persons, \$1.09 per capita, a decline of 16,000 persons from March.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. March purchases: 148 million pounds valued at 9.2 million dollars. The percentage of blue stamp money spent for commodities changed but little from March to April: the percentage of money spent for butter changed from 15.0 to 15.8 per cent, eggs from 17.7 to 19.9 per cent, cereals from 20.1 to 18.9 per cent, fruits remained the same at 16.1 per cent, and vegetables changed from 31.1 to 29.3 per cent.

While the blue stamp money expended during the month decreased but 5.5 per cent, the total quantity of foods decreased 12.9 per cent, reflecting a continued rise in food costs. (See Chart 1 for quantity and per cent of total value.)

Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 3.8 million persons in family groups including 758,640 in Puerto Rico and Hawaii; 53 per cent of participants in the continental United States were in the South; only 2 per cent in the West. Participation in April 1941: 7.7 million persons. Also participating this month: 552,000 persons in 1,300 institutions and organizations; 260,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, children's camps and recreational projects, NYA resident training camps, and others.

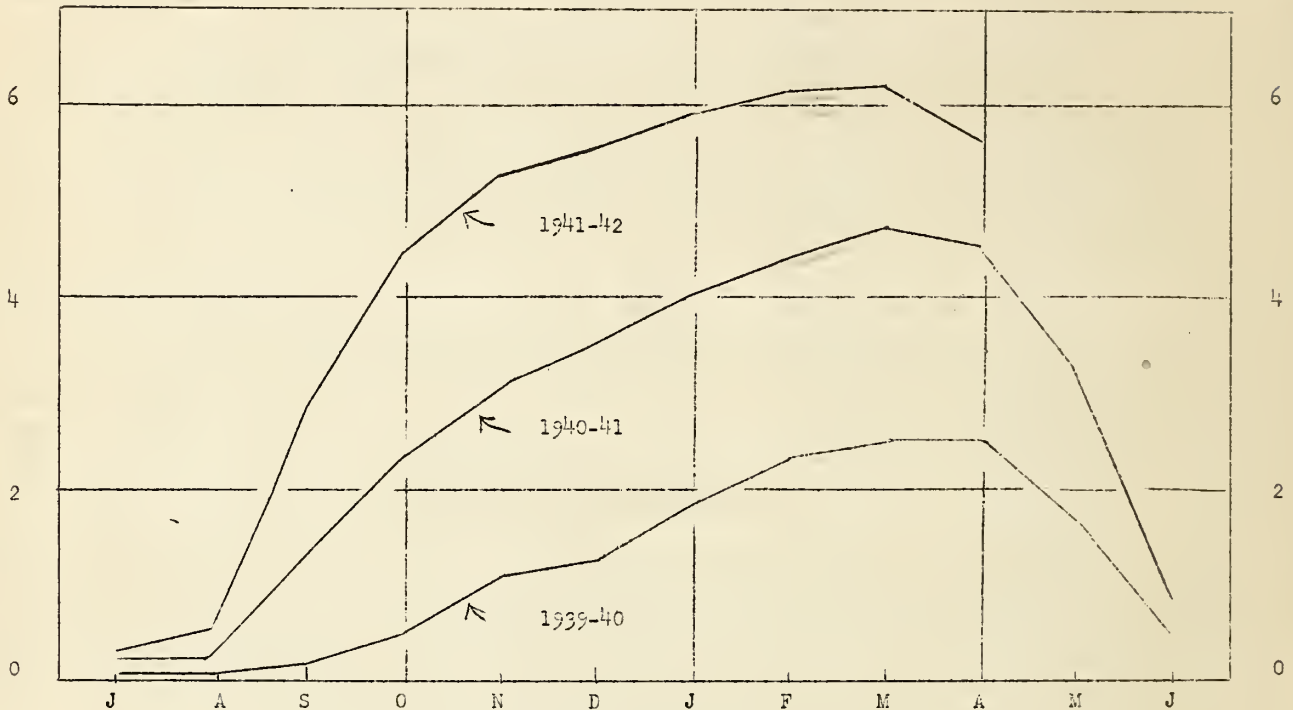
FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 61 million pounds to families, 7 million pounds to special groups. Estimated retail value for family and special groups: 4.9 million dollars. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the caseload: oat or wheat cereal, graham or white flour, apples, fresh grapefruit, prunes and dry beans.

School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 5.6 million children in 83,000 schools, approximately 20 per cent of total enrollment in the United States. In April of last year, 4.5 million children in 60,000 schools participated.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 58 million pounds of foodstuffs with an estimated retail value of 5.7 million dollars were distributed. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children were evaporated milk, eggs, oat or wheat cereal, graham or white flour, apples, fresh grapefruit, prunes, dry beans, canned pork and beans, and canned tomatoes.

CHART 2. MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, JULY 1939-APRIL 1942



Maximum number of schools participating during school years: 1939-40 - 36,000
 1940-41 - 67,000
 1941-42 - 92,000

School Milk and Relief Milk Programs

EXTENT. School milk participation: 690,000 children in 27 areas including 19 areas opened during April. Relief milk participation: 140,000 families in 7 areas. Quarts distributed: School milk, 3.3 million quarts; relief milk, 6.1 million quarts.

Cotton Programs

COTTON STAMP. 271,000 participants in 36 areas received \$333,000 in free brown stamps, a per capita average of \$1.23; cumulative issuance, July 1, 1941 through April 1942: 3.4 million dollars.

COTTON MATTRESS. A total of 60,000 mattresses and 80,000 comforters were distributed under this program in April.

TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
BY STATE, APRIL 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Persons in Families Receiving A.M.A. Food Only			Number of
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	Served by School Lunch
			Number	% of Total				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
TOTAL	7,162,650	3,838,217	3,324,433	46.4	2,235,837	1,681,981	553,856	5,649,951
WESTERN REGION	494,719	71,724	422,995	85.5	10,372	10,372	-	642,149
Arizona	36,401	5,681	30,720	84.4	-	-	-	26,008
California	148,788	25,262/1	123,526	83.0	824	824/1	-	305,547/1
Colorado	73,388	30,808	42,580	58.0	9,382	9,382	-	38,996
Idaho	22,888	601	22,287	97.4	-	-	-	32,660
Montana	31,300	4,365	26,935	86.0	-	-	-	23,761
Nevada	2,640	938/1	1,702	64.5	-	-	-	3,497/1
New Mexico	32,575	269	32,306	99.2	-	-	-	47,387
Oregon	30,092	-	30,092	100.0	-	-	-	22,156
Utah	28,987	-	28,987	100.0	-	-	-	36,669
Washington	76,988	-	76,988	100.0	-	-	-	85,062
Wyoming	6,872	-	6,872	100.0	-	-	-	10,999
Hawaii	3,800	3,800	-	-	166	166	-	9,407
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,706,696	737,367	969,329	56.8	127,428	113,196	14,232	1,284,619
Illinois	309,094	174,381	134,713	43.6	4,398	4,039	359	154,522
Indiana	122,578	97,099	25,479	20.8	2,297	2,297	-	86,885
Iowa	117,751	34,678	83,073	70.5	9,322	9,307	15	66,717
Kansas	101,969	41,382	60,587	59.4	1,228	580	648	70,928
Michigan	179,094	52,012	127,082	71.0	2,671	2,260	411	184,437
Minnesota	154,997	-	154,997	100.0	7,259	-	7,259	204,819
Missouri	207,005	139,350	67,655	32.7	64,824	63,633	1,191	123,378
Nebraska	63,642	-	63,642	100.0	408	-	408	61,488
North Dakota	40,530	-	40,530	100.0	1,354	-	1,354	70,814
Ohio	243,858	118,484	125,374	51.4	19,563	18,511	1,052	89,379
South Dakota	46,540	9,246	37,294	80.1	547	-	547	60,649
Wisconsin	119,638	70,735	48,903	40.9	13,557	12,569	988	110,603
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,432,209	628,754	803,455	56.1	133,514	67,137	66,377	1,047,240
Connecticut	20,609	13,125	7,484	36.3	3,165	2,249	916	29,541
Delaware	4,052	1,619	2,433	60.0	-	-	-	4,534
Dist. of Col.	20,688	20,688	-	-	-	-	-	10,002
Maine	38,003	-	38,003	100.0	20,457	-	20,457	43,497
Maryland	14,973	4,664	10,309	68.8	-	-	-	21,970
Massachusetts	233,431	138,285	95,146	40.8	59,095	43,874	15,221	143,565
New Hampshire	11,506	-	11,506	100.0	1,975	-	1,975	13,270
New Jersey	111,202	72,976	38,226	34.4	2,337	2,294	43	89,863
New York	574,908	113,523/1	461,385	80.2	29,377	1,641/1	27,736	331,415/1
Pennsylvania	223,234	104,032	119,202	53.4	-	-	-	259,184
Rhode Island	19,893	3,907	15,986	80.4	67	67	-	2,696
Vermont	25,111	21,336/1	3,775	15.0	12,049	12,020/1	29	17,190/1
West Virginia	134,599	134,599	-	-	4,992	4,992	-	80,513
SOUTHERN REGION	2,769,976	1,645,532	1,124,444/3	40.6	1,208,225	736,436	471,789	2,600,959
Alabama	114,912	80,982	33,930	29.5	42,750	30,512	12,238	56,901
Arkansas	191,360	60,461	130,899	68.4	97,400	24,414	72,986	116,678
Florida	247,212	179,702	67,510	27.3	156,366	121,232	35,134	96,443
Georgia	245,657	203,759	41,898	17.0	91,510	79,086	12,424	480,810
Kentucky	368,073	331,314	36,759/3	10.0	221,087	210,001	11,086/3	95,348
Louisiana	179,849	55,587	124,262	69.1	20,595	3,744	16,851	181,031
Mississippi	179,232	49,789	129,443	72.2	128,140	32,507	95,633	195,753
North Carolina	198,101	143,259	54,842	27.7	87,659	60,539	27,120	211,272
Oklahoma	129,720	5,136	124,584	96.0	9,396	2,599	6,797	230,339
South Carolina	106,448	87,771	18,677	17.5	13,167	10,974	2,193	290,074
Tennessee	189,437	134,515	54,922	29.0	35,927	26,555	9,372	200,023
Texas	552,733	257,068	295,665	53.5	288,755	119,727	169,028	337,202
Virginia	67,242	56,189	11,053	16.4	15,473	14,546	927	109,085
Puerto Rico/2	754,840	754,840	-	-	754,840	754,840	-	73,028
Virgin Islands/2	4,210	-	4,210	100.0	1,458	-	1,458	1,956/1

/1 March figures. April figures not available. /2 Not included in Region IV totals.

/3 Includes two counties in Region II.

